

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Monday, January 25, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 4, 2016 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Wildlife Habitat Management Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Miles City, MT

WORK START/END DATES: Approx. May 23rd to August 19th **HOURS/WEEK:** 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 23rd to May 27th

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$9.00 - 9.50/hr (depending on experience) with per diem at the state rate. *There is no overtime, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends for this position.*

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) will provide a camp trailer for housing and a department vehicle provided for work travel. Interns must have their own transportation to and from the Miles City office. *Individuals may need to use their personal vehicle for part of the summer. If a personal vehicle is used for work, compensation for mileage will be provided at the state rate.*

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The intern will assist regional wildlife staff in a variety of tasks that will include both field and office work. This position is based out of Miles City, but will include travel throughout southeastern Montana to assist biologists. The primary task will be to assist biologists with habitat management activities on MFWP's wildlife management areas (WMA) along the Yellowstone River in Region Seven. These WMAs are managed to with the goal of providing public hunting opportunity for popular game species and more specifically to provide winter habitat and forage for wintering pheasants, deer, turkeys and migrating waterfowl. Examples of tasks expected to include cultivating wildlife food plots, weed spraying, operating ATVs, fence repair, sign posting and conducting pheasant abundance surveys. The intern will also participate in facilitating upland game bird habitat enhancement projects. Tasks associated with these projects could include operating irrigation pumps, assisting with shrub planting and assisting with pheasant

releases. The intern will also be expected to assist biologist with tasks such as data entry, data management, and equipment maintenance.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited university or college program. This includes all public, private, community, vo-tech, and Native American institutions of higher learning. Preference will be given to those individuals enrolled in a program with wildlife biology, wildlife management, ecology, zoology, natural resources management or closely related field.

No prior field experience is required, but preference will be given to applicants with prior field experience applicable to the position. Because the position will require operation of equipment in an agricultural setting a farming background or knowledge of basic agricultural practices will be preferred. Applicants must have the ability to learn and retain new field skills quickly. Preference will be given to applicants with genuine enthusiasm, interest in learning new techniques, and those working towards a career in wildlife management, natural resources management or closely related field. Applicants must be able to follow oral and written directions accurately, be detail-oriented, organized, and work well independently and as part of a team. Physical demands include frequent exertion, often for extended periods, including lifting, carrying, digging and pounding. Frequently works in adverse outdoor conditions including hot temperatures, rain, dust and mosquito infested areas.

Applicants must hold a valid driver's license.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 references with phone numbers and email addresses, *as one document titled with your name*, to Steve Atwood at satwood@mt.gov. The letter of interest should address why the applicant is interested in this internship opportunity, what skills they possess that would aid them in this internship and what they would hope to obtain from this internship experience.

For more information regarding this position, please contact Steve Atwood at satwood@mt.gov or 406-234-0942.

COOPERATING SPONSORS OF PROJECT:

Possibly Pheasants Forever

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

A trailer will be provided at a nearby RV campground in Miles City for housing. The campground will include full hook-ups (water, sewage and electric) and internet.